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## Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 19 December 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Lenzie (US Patent 6,728,720 B1).

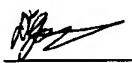
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.


(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant Farrar gave a brief overview of the invention, particularly the creation of virtual indexes, wherein an individual virtual index represents a set of physical indexes. The virtual index reduces system processing needs of a query system that selects a workload. The choice of an index is left till the very end of the process. The prior art of Lenzie was discussed, and the argument that the virtual index of the present claim is distinguishable over the prior art was discussed. No agreement was reached, and a more careful examination of the prior art is necessary, as well as a further update of the search. The claim language of the claim was discussed as the term "less beneficial" is indefinite. Also, the terms "sought" and "set of potential physical indexes" was brought up for discussion.

  
Debbie Le  
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